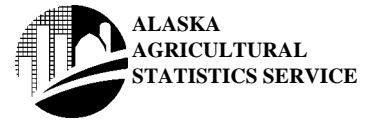


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MILK PRODUCTION

ALASKA: July milk production of 1.3 million pounds is unchanged from last month's production. Production per cow, at 1,110 pounds, was 40 pounds above the previous month and is up from 1,070 pounds from last July. The number of milk cows, at 1,200 head, is the same number as last year.

Accumulated milk production of 8.7 million pounds during the first seven months of 2005 was equal to the same period in 2004.

Milk production in the **23 MAJOR STATES** during July totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from July 2004. June revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from June 2004. The June revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 28 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,682 pounds for July, 59 pounds above July 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.14 million head, 48,000 head more than July 2004, and 12,000 head more than June 2005.

2004 VEGETABLES

VEGETABLES were harvested from 328 acres in 2004, down from 377 acres harvested in 2003. Value of all vegetables produced, excluding greenhouse vegetables, was \$2,439,000 compared with \$2,619,000 in 2003.

HEAD LETTUCE production of 15,000 cartons was harvested from 47 acres in 2004. This compared with 15,000 cartons from 45 acres harvested in 2003. Other types of lettuce (romaine, leaf...etc) are included in other vegetables. An annual average carton weight for head lettuce in Alaska was 45 pounds in 2004, unchanged from 2003.

CABBAGE production of 14,400 cartons was harvested from 24 acres in 2004. This compares to 20,500 cartons harvested from 33 acres in 2003. An annual average carton weight for cabbage in Alaska was 48 pounds in 2004.

CARROT production totaled 18,500 cwt which was 800 cwt below 2003. Acres harvested in 2004 were at 60 acres, down from 75 acres a year ago.

OTHER VEGETABLES were harvested from 197 acres statewide, down 9 acres from the previous year. Production of other vegetables was 15,600 cwt, down from 16,800 cwt a year ago.

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COMPUTER USAGE

A total of 51 percent of U.S. farms now have Internet access, compared to 48 percent with Internet access in 2003. Fifty-eight percent of farms have access to a computer in 2005, the same level as 2003. Fifty-five percent of all U.S. farms own or lease a computer, up slightly from 54 percent in 2003. Farms using computers for their farm business increased 1 percent from 2003 to 31 percent in 2005.

In 2005, seventy-nine percent of U.S. farms with sales and government payments of \$250,000 or more have access to a computer, 77 percent own or lease a computer, 66 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 72 percent have Internet access. For farms with sales and government payments between \$100,000 and \$249,999, the figures are: 69 percent have access to

a computer, 67 percent own or lease a computer, 51 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 59 percent have Internet access. For farms with sales and government payments between \$10,000 and \$99,999, there were 54 percent that reported having computer access, 51 percent own or lease a computer, 33 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 46 percent have Internet access.

For crop farms, 60 percent have computer access and 33 percent use a computer for their farm business in 2005, the same as 2003. Internet access for crop farms has increased to 52 percent in 2005 compared to 49 percent in 2003. For livestock farms, 57 percent have computer access and 50 percent have Internet access. The use of a computer for farm business has increased to 29 percent for livestock farms, up 2 percent from 2003.